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## IMPORTANT CHANGES TAKE PLACE IN WAR SITUATION

### MILITARY AND ECONOMIC FEATURES DISCUSSED

#### RUSSIANS MAKE IMPORTANT GAINS IN EAST; ALLIES WIN IN DARDANELLES; BERLIN RIOTS

London, Feb. 11 (Cablegram).—Reports of important Russian gains in the east, details of important allied successes in the Dardanelles, food riots in Berlin, and an extraordinary session of the British parliament featured today.

Many high government officials were in the House of Commons at its session today. Premier Asquith in addressing the body announced that England is considering drastic measures to paralyze all German commerce. Germany's threatened submarine blockade of England will be followed by an actual blockade of all Germany, Asquith said.

Fully fifty percent of the British wounded have recovered, the premier announced.

##### No Hope for Peace.

Sir Edward Gray, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, told the Commons that he sees little likelihood of peace now. A small group of labor members, headed by Kier Hardie, favored sounding out Germany along peace lines, but Gray's statement was construed to mean that Germany does not desire to even consider peace.

##### Won't Take Over Food.

Premier Asquith declined either to back a movement for a maximum price for foodstuffs, or for the government to take over the nation's supply of food. There is not and will not be need for such action, he said.

##### Riots in Berlin.

Serious riots took place in the Berlin potato markets yesterday. The police restored order. Breweries were ordered to reduce their output of beer.

##### Russ is Victorious.

Unofficial dispatches from Petrograd declare that the Germans have been forced to evacuate Lodz and have removed their headquarters to Kall. Lodz was captured by the Germans on December 8, after the bloodiest of fighting.

## AEROPLANES DROP BOMBS ALONG FRONT AS THE ARTILLERY DUELS

Paris, Feb. 11 (Cablegram).—Aeroplanes dropped bombs while the artillery duels are today taking place along the entire French-Belgian front. The death toll and suffering is frightful in the towns behind the actual front.

German infantry assaults in the Mesnilles region were repulsed today. The fighting is increasing in the Champagne region.

The Russian Black Sea flotilla of destroyers today silenced the Treasender destroyers. It also sunk more than fifty Turkish sailing craft, most of which was small.

The Russian force which held Bukovina is now in full retreat. Vienna claims. The battles in the Carpathians continue. It also claims that an Austrian expedition to relive Przemyśl is advancing.

## WILHELMINA IS SEIZED BY BRITISH, QUESTION NOT INTERNATIONAL ONE

Plymouth, Feb. 11 (Cablegram).—The cargo of grain and food supplies of the Wilhelmina bound for Bremen was formally seized by the British Government today. The ship itself will not be taken as a prize or as contraband, it is understood.

A prize court will determine the disposition of the cargo, at which the owners of the Wilhelmina will appear with the argument that the cargo was not subject to seizure because the Wilhelmina sailed before the decision of the German government to control the foodstuffs was announced.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—The State Department today announced that the Wilhelmina incident is not considered an international one yet. The Department will act in conjunction with the owners of the vessel in an attempt to establish the right of the Wilhelmina to carry a cargo of food to Germany. If the proceedings of the prize court are unsatisfactory, then the United States will intervene, it was announced.

##### Dacia Leaves Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 11.—The steamship Dacia carrying cotton to Germany, which has been laying here for several days, sailed for its destination this morning.

## U. S. WILL MAKE NOTES TO ENGLAND AND GERMANY PUBLIC WHEN RECEIVED

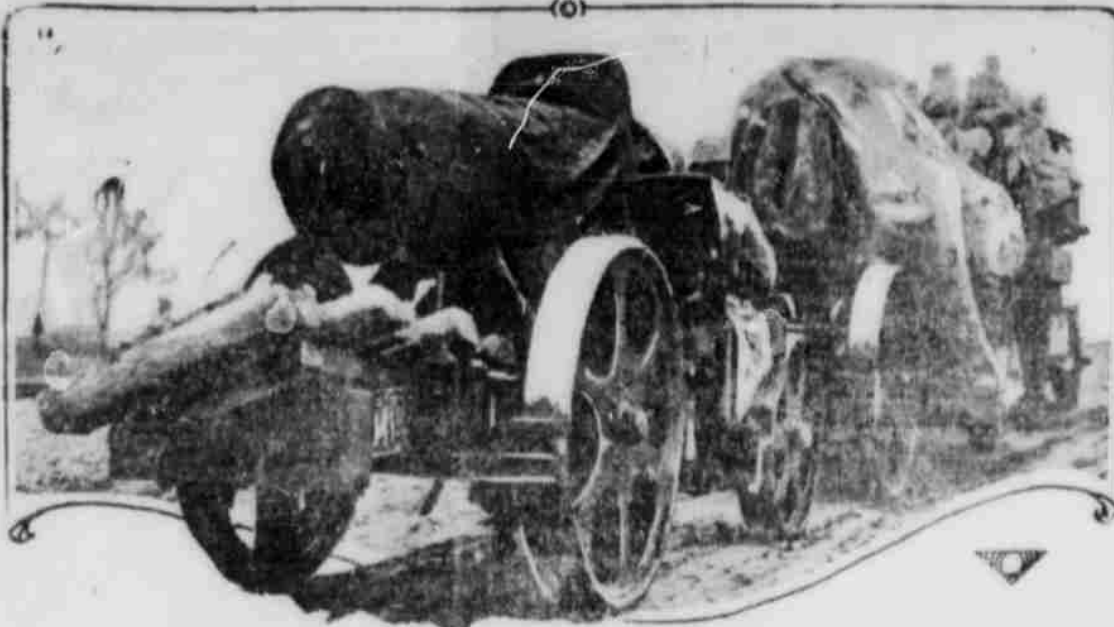
Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—The Department of State today announced that it will make public the notes to England and Germany regarding the use of the American flag in conjunction with her own on the Lusitania yesterday. Another note was sent to Germany regarding the bounds of her war zone, which might interfere with United States shipping.

Both of these notes will be made public as soon as they have been received at the respective foreign capitals, in accordance with the custom of diplomatic courtesy.

## CRAZED BY WIFE'S DEATH SHOTS NUN

Denver, Colo., Feb. 11.—Crazed over his wife's illness, Frank Rosso, 42 years old, today suddenly shot Sister Libria in St. Anthony's Sanitarium. The nun had just completed the last rites as the bullet fired by Rosso painfully wounded her, and Mrs. Rosso died. He continued firing, and failed in the attempt to take the lives of three other persons before he was finally overpowered and placed in charge of officers for safe keeping.

## GIANT AUSTRIAN GUNS HAULED TO BATTLE FRONT IN POLAND.



THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN ON A ROAD IN POLAND NEAR LOWICZ. IT SHOWS HOW THE GIGANTIC GUNS OF THE AUSTRIANS ARE TRANSPORTED TO THE FRONT COVERED WITH TARPOLINS FOR PROTECTION FROM THE WEATHER.

## WINTER'S BLASTS ARE ON THE WAY

The proverbial smile of the coal man, which has been supplanted by that of the ice man for the past several days in Amarillo, is due to return. The weather man says that the Florida balm and Arizona sun, which have combined to make the past week the most delightful in the history of the Panhandle at this time of year, will have to give way to the shrill blasts of winter once more before the spring will come to stay.

General reports show a higher temperature this morning than yesterday, with the air pressure broken into small areas, and somewhat irregular. Slight, scattered precipitation is reported through the Rocky Mountain region and on the Pacific slope.

This condition of affairs leads Weather Observer Conditine to believe that temperature will fall and that there will be either rain or flurries of snow through the Panhandle. The lowest temperature he predicts for tonight is 32 degrees, with colder weather on the morrow.

## REBEKAHS RAISE 1ST MONEY FOR NEW HOME OF ODD FELLOWS HERE

The first money for the erection of the proposed Odd Fellows Home on Polk street was raised yesterday by the women of Queen of the Plains Rebekkah Lodge No. 222, through the benefit given at the Deandi Theatre. The women sold tickets on the percentage basis, netting about \$36 for this work.

The benefit was given because the manager of the Theatre is an Odd Fellow and wished to make a substantial donation to the building, which he did through the co-operation of the women. It is proposed to build a good, modern home for the lodge, large enough to comfortably house all its branches, and this is a good start toward procuring the necessary means.

## Schools Get Taxes Amounting to \$15,000

A part of the taxes collected by Potter county this year has already been deposited to the credit of the school fund. This deposit was made before the final totals because the school board felt that they should be getting the use of at least a part of the money to be received from the collections. It amounted to \$15,000, or about half of the total school revenue for the schools from this source.

## WICHITA FLOUR CONCERN OPENS A BRANCH HERE

Amarillo has been made a branch for the distribution of Red Star flour. E. W. Morrison, who is to be district manager here for the Red Star Mill and Elevator Company, is already in the city. The home plant of the company is located at Wichita, Kansas. The Amarillo branch will be at the Armstrong storage house.

## WILSON WON'T QUIT FIGHT

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 11.—While New Yorkers are buying "police whistles" with which to frighten holdups, citizens of Texarkana, Tex., are buying corn cob pipes for the same purpose. W. E. Welcome pointed a cob pipe at a holdup, who fled down an alley.

## WILSON WON'T QUIT FIGHT

President Wilson will not compromise the Ship Purchase fight. This decision was reached this morning after a two hours conference with Senate leaders.

The Senate got a breathing spell today. The Senate adjourned last night and did not convene again until today at 11 o'clock.

## First Application For Job Taken Out

The first call for application blanks in the employment bureau of the Amarillo postoffice was made today. One man asked for the blank, but has not yet filled it out, in application for a job.

The question has been asked: "Do they charge anything?" Assistant Postmaster Henderson said today that there are no fees at all in connection with applications for positions made through this bureau. All of the mail regarding the matter of position, such as correspondence with the applicant or with the man wanting help, is sent as official mail, free of charge. This is in accord with Uncle Sam's idea of being a real help to the workingman.

## HE'S GOING 25,000 MILES JUST TO DO A HALF DAY'S WORK

U. S. Inspector to Guam, P. I., to Quiz Postoffice—Takes Wife for "Second Honeymoon."

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—After having enjoyed for a period of seven years the undisturbed administration of the postoffice of Guam, P. I., and his salary of \$125 a year, Postmaster Duarte is about to be inspected by the postoffice department.

The inspection which will require about half a day's work, there being no charges against Postmaster Duarte, will involve for Inspector E. P. Smith a trip of 25,000 miles and about three months' time. Accompanied by Mrs. Smith, the inspector will sail on a government transport from San Francisco to Manila and from that point proceed on a small interisland steamer which makes monthly visits from and to Guam.

Mr. Smith says it will be a second honeymoon for him and his wife.

## LANE TO OPEN FRISCO FAIR

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—Secretary of the Interior Franklin P. Lane was today designated by President Wilson to open the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco. Secretary Lane is himself a Californian.

## MALONE IS DELEGATE TO WOODMEN MEETING

Alamosa Camp No. 502, W. O. W., continued plans for attendance at the head camp convention at Fort Worth in March by electing Sovereign Grover C. Malone Tuesday night to represent the degree team there. Sovereign Malone is captain of the team here.

## R. I. Officials Here.

T. H. Beaton, general manager of the Rock Island, passed through Amarillo today on a trip to Tucuman. He will return tomorrow. T. H. Wilhelm, general freight agent, H. Lucas, auditor and J. W. Thompson, car accountant, passed through Amarillo yesterday on their way to the offices at Fort Worth.

## MYSTIC "30" IS OPERATOR'S TOKEN TO T. F. PONDEXTER

When the mound of flowers had been placed on the grave of T. F. Pondexter at Llano cemetery this afternoon, in the midst of the heap was placed a beautiful floral design in the form of a wreath, with the figure "30" in the center.

The mystic "30" is a symbol little known outside of telegraph and newspaper offices. In the telegraph office it means the end of any given piece of work. In newspaper offices it means that the day's work is done and it is time for the pressmen to begin to whirr.

The token came from the Kansas City office of the Western Union Telegraph Co., where Mr. Pondexter had been employed. It was the final token of esteem for a man who worshipped at the shrine of the mystic "30."

Funeral services for Mr. Pondexter were held at the residence this afternoon at 3:30. The Rev. Paul B. James was in charge. The burial was at Llano cemetery.

## Six Counterfeiters Arrested at Sherman

Sherman, Tex., Feb. 11.—Six men, five of them white, all well known here, were placed in jail this morning charged with passing counterfeit gold coins in Sherman, and in six points in southern Oklahoma. Jim Spears, Jim Arrington, Hawk Bryant, Walter Bryant, L. P. Cartwright and Earl King, the latter the negro, are the names of the men charged with counterfeiting.

## Insurance Men at Cleveland.

Cleveland, Feb. 11.—Insurance legislation in the various states was an important topic today before the midyear session here of conference committee of the National Association of Insurance agents.

## DAY OF CHEAP BEEF WILL NEVER BE KNOWN AGAIN

PRICES TO ADVANCE STEADILY HIGHER, EXPERTS SAY, EXCEPT PORK.

## BLAME ECONOMIC LAW

Consumer May Gnash His Teeth in Vain and Panhandle Cattlemen May Smile.

By LYNN M. LAMM.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—You may say "good-bye" to the 12 cent round steaks, the 20 cent porterhouse, and the 15 cent rib roast. The good old days of cheap beef are never to come again in the United States. Instead prices today are lower than they ever will be again.

The consumer may gnash his teeth. The cattle grower in the Texas Panhandle may smile his broadest. The foregoing is the situation.

For the first time the government will recognize officially this spring the American beef shortage as a permanent institution. No longer will the government seek to find a "goat" to blame for the high price of beef; no trust, no indolence or shortsightedness on the part of American farmers is to be blamed in the future.

## Will Hold Shortage Inevitable.

Instead the government will give as its official opinion that the present high meat prices are due to the inevitable working out of immutable economic laws, laws which working in the past have brought about the present prices, and which, continuing to work in the future, will cause even higher prices.

There is no remedy, no escape. No amount of Sherman law prosecutions, and education of farmers can avert the fate in store for us. There is no escaping the fact that the poor of this country must prepare to say "good-bye" to beef except as an expensive luxury.

Such, but in more technical language, will be the report of the department of agriculture's meat survey now nearing its conclusion. A year ago Secretary Houston appointed a commission of eminent farm economists to survey the agriculture of the United States, explain the shortage of cattle, and suggest remedies.

## Membership of Commission.

The commission consists of Dr. Beverly T. Galloway, formerly assistant secretary of agriculture, now dean of the Cornell Agricultural college, chairman; Dr. T. M. Carver, advisor to the department's rural organization service; Prof. C. F. Curtis of Ames, Ia., director of the Iowa state experiment station; H. J. Waters, president of the Kansas Agricultural college, Manhattan, Kas., and Prof. Mumford, head of the department of animal husbandry of the Illinois College of Agriculture.

While not a word of the commission's report has yet been written, it is possible to forecast what it will be on the data which has been received at the department. From a study of the material on hand no other conclusion can be reached than that the beef shortage is permanent and certain to become worse.

## Pork Prices to Stay Same.

A remarkable phase of the investigation shows that the same laws causing the rise in beef prices operate to keep pork at a reasonable price, and no great advance in the price of pork are expected. It is pointed out by department experts, however, that with corn at its present price, hogs are now being sold on the Chicago market at less than what it costs to produce them.

Higher corn prices mean higher pork prices eventually, but this meat for years to come is expected to follow in price the fluctuation in the price of corn.

The commission in its survey has discovered that man and cattle are not compatible on the same soil. As human population increases in density cattle decrease in number. The breaking up of the great cattle ranges into farms is one factor, but a more important reason is the continual shrinkage in acreage of the average American farm, a concomitant of increasing population.